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It now looks as though the G. A. R. of Illinois had withdrawn from Gen. Palmer.

Abilene is more than holding her own in growth and will be ready to take the spring boom that is surely coming, at its high tide.

The Prohibition vote, take it the country over, has in four years increased in its ratio to the total vote about four one-hundredths of one per cent.

The air-ship project seems to prosper. A company with a capital of \$1,000,000 has been formed in New York to develop the latest invention in that line.

Even the most rabid Democrat now admits a Republican majority in the National House of Representatives. Senator Quay claims a majority of not less than nine.

The press of Northwestern Kansas will support Hon. Z. T. Walrond's candidacy for the Speakership almost unanimously. It is our fight and it should be carried on to win.

Mrs. Shaw has indiscreetly remarked that gum-chewing is a great aid to whistling. If the grand army of gum-chewers conclude to add whistling to their accomplishments, we want to be gathered to our fathers right away.

The editor of the Abilene Reflector, having read Robert Elsmere, marches at the head of the literary procession at Abilene.—[State Journal.]

Whether we do or not, we ought to, if a species of mild martyrdom counts for anything in this world.

It is noticed as a remarkable fact that at the expiration of the term of President Harrison in 1892, the Nation will have spent exactly 52 years under the rule of the Democratic party and 52 under the Republican or its political predecessors.

We seem likely to lose the unique position so long held by the REFLECTOR as the only paper of that name in Kansas. The Y. M. C. A. of Topeka, is soon to publish a monthly paper of sixteen pages to be known as the Association Reflector.

John Martin, the plucky Indian who recently whipped his weight in wildcat down in Madison county, is probably no relation to the whisky-bottle fame. Our John isn't of the variety that whips, but rather of that which gets most everlastingly walloped.

Kansas has a total railroad mileage of 3,799 miles. It has been a hard year on Kansas railroads as well as on all other lines of business. Of the roads in the State, 2,562 miles have been operated at a loss of \$878,629, while 4,301 miles have failed to pay interest and taxes.

The unselfish devotion of Hon. J. R. Burton to the interests of the Northwest is winning him the most flattering commendation and praise from the press. Even those who for selfish reasons cannot wish the Northwest success in its undertaking, are compelled to admire Mr. Burton's earnest labors in its behalf.

"When it becomes necessary for a husband to obtain a certificate of good moral character, and to prove by testimony of an expert that he is faithful, considerate and tender toward a young, lovely and affectionate wife, he may be innocent, but he certainly is unfortunate."—[Ingalis on Cleveland.]

There is a bold proposition on foot to construct an all rail route from America to Europe. The plan is to bridge Behring's straits, forty-five miles, and stretch away to Pekin, which is 3500 miles from Behring's straits, and 9,000 from New York. Calcutta is a matter of 2,000 miles beyond Pekin, and would be reached by a branch, the main line traversing China and Russia.

There was an expansion amounting to \$90,000,000 in the volume of the circulating medium between July 1, 1887, and November 1, 1888. This shows that the individuals who imagine that the currency is being contracted are in error. The money in the country outside the treasury, on a per capita basis, is not only greater than it was a year and a half ago, but it is greater than ever before.—[Globe Democrat.]

Mr. Cleveland "dodged" when the River and Harbor bill, appropriating the enormous sum of \$22,227,000, came before him a few months ago. That is, he permitted the bill to become a law without his signature. At that time it was understood that no more legislation for river and harbor improvement would be asked for. Yesterday a bill was introduced asking for \$11,900,000 more. This is pure and unadulterated extravagance and emphasizes the oft-repeated advice "to turn the rascals out."

Good for Dan! President Cleveland's private secretary has written to President-elect Harrison's private secretary, Mr. Halford, offering to give any advice or information desired about the office. The courteous Colonel Lamont shows a decidedly more amiable spirit than his chief, who scolds like a fishwife because the American people declined to give him a second term.—[Troy Times.]

There will be sixty-eight bankers and one farmer in the next Legislature.—[K. C. News.]

That isn't so. We send two farmers from Jewell county.—[Jewell Republican.]

Books county sends another farmer.—[Stockton Record.]

And Ottawa county returns a farmer.—[Minneapolis Messenger.]

And what is the matter with Dickinson county? She sends one of her best farmers to represent the 69th district. The crying need of the Kansas City papers is more news and less lying comment.

An exchange says that a scheme has been started in Ohio for the Republicans of each State in the Union to make a silk flag and on a designated day have them presented to Kansas as the banner Republican State of the Union. The ceremonies to take place at Topeka. One or more prominent statesmen from each of the States to participate in the exercises. Kansas is to retain the banner flag as long as she remains the banner Republican State. When she ceases to retain this rank the flags are to be turned over to the State giving the largest majority.

The Speakership.

The Representatives of Northwest Kansas have shown their good judgment in determining to support Hon. Z. T. Walrond, of Osborne county, for Speaker. Nothing now remains for them but to stand together and work day and night for their candidate and recognition for the Northwest.

Mr. Walrond is no inexperienced legislator. He has proved himself a capable and able man on the floor of the House. He is in every way worthy of the position of Speaker. Now, let the members of the Fifth and Sixth Congressional districts give him the support that their cause deserves.

This is the time to gain recognition for a portion of the State that has long been imposed upon, long been ignored. Let it be understood, once for all, that one-third of the State of Kansas cannot be put off with one-tenth the honors while the Arkansas valley, already abundantly supplied with fat offices, is able to, octopus-like, absorb as many more.

Before the election the Prohibitionists said that a big vote would show that their cause was growing. Now that they didn't get a big vote, they say that a small vote is an indication that the party is lopping off the driftwood. This they say will make them stronger than ever. How ludicrously funny these Prohibitionists are.

White House Scandals.

The Democratic press cannot keep its hands off the cloud which seems to hover over the domestic life of the President and members of his Cabinet. Not realizing that every attempt to explain things only makes the matter worse they have been trying lately to mitigate the blackness of the rumors by making attacks upon the lives of Republican statesmen.

The New York Mail and Express (Rep.) in a double-leaded editorial yesterday spoke in the following plain and uncompromising language:

It is quite remarkable that so many of the long suppressed truths regarding the personal habits of President Cleveland and some of his Cabinet, and the speaker should have been found out at last through denial given to them by the charming lady of one of the secretaries. She, good soul, could not know of those social crimes if they existed, and her denial is as valuable in respect to them as the denial of Munchausen's servant that his master never ate, because he had never seen him eat. For weeks before election we pigeonholed a verified mass of information on this subject, which we were vainly urged to publish, giving names, dates, houses, nights, hours, conversations, intrigues, carriages, negotiations, liaisons, boon companions, ruins, in regard to various persons now and lately high in national official life which would shock the country and cover their principals with ineradicable pitch. The general nature of this mass of evidence has long been well understood in Newspaper Row, at Washington, in parts both of Cincinnati and New York; but, owing to the gallantry of the Cleveland maligned press, has not been made public. Though it is old, stale and flat there, it would have been the most astonishing, latest and disbelieved news to the charming lady whose jeweled fingers are playing with the veil which, should she pull it down, could never again be replaced to screen those whom she would so unwillingly expose. There are other ladies in Washington who are much better authority on the main subject than any Cabinet lady. There are people in the White House who are better authority on the main issue than any Cabinet lady. And all these others have their moments of weakness or revenge, when their secrets are bigger than themselves and so overflow; or when their confidences are like swallows, sunning themselves outside of

their nests for anyone to bag. We, in common with the whole country, are intensely interested to have the moral atmosphere of Washington pure, and our public duty to lay bare the real condition of things there was urged upon us in almost an overwhelming way. But when we thought of the misery which would befall many innocent people the pigeonhole got the information and not the public; and now when disclosure is invited by one of the innocent we still forbear for the same reason. But we warn the President, and all associated with him, that they must desist at once from Republican leaders along social lines, or we shall feel relieved of our self-restraint. They must call off their dogs or we may let loose our tigers.

Comment Regarding the Speakership.

A JUST CAUSE.

In the Topeka Capital-Commonwealth of Tuesday, Hon. J. R. Burton discussed some important questions. He started out by stating that he was not a candidate and would not accept the office of Speaker of the House. He showed up the fellows who think they are bigger than the party, in great shape, and set forth the justice of the Northwest having the next Speaker. Mr. Burton's article was strong, conclusive and convincing. We do not see how any man can read it and not admit the justice of our cause. In Mr. Burton the Northwest has a talented friend and one courageous enough to speak his mind. It is not very often that the Republican feels called upon to praise Mr. Burton, but this last stroke was a masterly one. All hail our champion, J. R. Burton, of Abilene.—[Salina Republican.]

IT DESERVES CONSIDERATION.

Hon. J. R. Burton, of Dickinson county, member-elect of the next Legislature, published in the Capital-Commonwealth of Tuesday, a long letter embracing considerable republics and matter of varied interest. The letter contains much that deserves to be carefully considered, and is suggestive of many things not unworthy of serious contemplation.—[Junction City Republican.]

IT WILL BE WALROND.

Hon. J. R. Burton, of Abilene, in a letter to the Capital-Commonwealth, says he is not a candidate for Speaker, and that under no circumstances will he be one. He says that it seems to be already agreed upon that Captain Henry Booth will be speaker, but complains that the Arkansas valley wants the earth. There is no question but that it wants Captain Booth for Speaker.—[Larned Chronicle.]

Mr. Burton said, "the politicians have

agreed upon Mr. Booth"—quote him correctly—but the members have decided on Hon. Z. T. Walrond.

BURTON'S UNSWERVING LOYALTY.

Hon. J. R. Burton, of Abilene, has a very strong and well written letter in the Topeka Capital of last Tuesday, appealing to the 38 Representatives of the Fifth and Sixth Congressional districts to combine and thus elect the next Speaker, announcing that he will not allow his own name to be used for that position. Burton is a stem-winder, full jeweled chronometer, and don't you forget it. He's a fighter of formidable proportions, and his loyalty to the Northwest is a conspicuous feature of his acknowledged statesmanship.—[Beloit Courier.]

The Beloit Conference.

The Beloit Courier has a full account of the conference of members of the Northwest in that city Tuesday evening and speaks in words of hearty commendation regarding the proposed attempt of Northwestern Kansas to secure a part of its rights in the distribution of the honors of the State. There were fifteen members present and ten others sent letters pledging themselves to support the action of the meeting.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the members present: Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that a Representative from the Northwest should be chosen Speaker of the House, and that we, the Representatives here assembled from the Fifth and Sixth Congressional districts, pledge ourselves to support the gentleman selected by this conference for the position.

The meeting then placed in nomination Hon. Z. T. Walrond, of Osborne county, by whom the Northwest is determined to stand or fall.

A committee was appointed to communicate with other members of the Northwest and other portions of the State in regard to the action of the Beloit conference. Letters have been sent to all portions of the State setting forth the demands of the Northwest and asking the encouragement and support of the other one hundred members of the House.

The gentlemen are in the fight to stay and they have the most implicit confidence that the result will be one of victory for the Fifth and Sixth Congressional districts, so long imposed upon and disregarded.

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7c. Genuine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs fancy border and fast colors, 7c each, or 70c a dozen.	65c. Extra-heavy, all-silk Handkerchiefs at 65c. The largest line of Silk Hdkfs ever brought to Abilene by any house.	25c. See our New Line of Gents' Neckwear at 25c, worth 35c to 45c.
10c. At 10c and 12c each we show the best values that we ever offered in Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.	25c. Beautiful quality Gents' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c.	50c. Ladies' Kid Gloves, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. All splendid bargains.
15c. Real Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 15c and 20c each, worth 25 cents and 30 cents.	28c. Gents' Mufflers at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50 and 3.00.	\$1.25. Gents' Fine Embroidered Slippers, \$1.25 and \$2.00. Very handsome and neat.
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12c. Gents' 4-ply Linen Collars, all styles, 12c.	50c. Special values in Silk Handkerchiefs at 50c, 60c 85c and \$1.00.	50c. Gents' Fine Neckwear at 50c and 85c, worth 75c and \$1.00.

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